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APPLICANT: SCHNEIDER, B-1 (CIP)  
SERIAL NO: 10/091,218 EXAMINER: L. B. ROSENBERG  
FILED: FEBRUARY 27, 2002 GROUP: 3616  
TITLE: RETAINING DEVICE FOR UTILITY VEHICLES

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATT: MAIL STOP FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's First Office Action dated October 4, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include two attached replacement sheets

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.